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1. About April 1950, the Chinese Communists repaired and enlarged the Wang Pao T'ai (望堡台) Airfield located about three miles west of Liaoyang (123-12, 41-16). The airfield was enlarged to about $9\frac{1}{2}$ square miles (15 square kilometers). In November there were 21 single-engined and twin-engined airplanes on the airfield.
2. In early September, construction of a new airfield at Yu Hung T'un (于洪屯), on the western outskirts of Mukden was completed. The airfield has a runway about 13 yards wide with a concrete surface 2 feet thick.
3. By early December, the Peiling (123-25, 41-50) and Tung T'a (東塔) airfields in the Mukden area had been enlarged, and railway tracks had been built to them.* Thirty thousand 50-gallon drums of gasoline are stored at the Peiling Airfield, as well as a large quantity of airplane parts for maintenance purposes. There were 20 BA-21* twin-engined bombers and 30 MIG-15 jet fighters on this field.***
4. Up to the end of August there were 60 airplanes at the Wang Kang (王崗) Airfield, $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Harbin. In early September, the number was increased to 80; in October the number dropped to 40. All the airplanes were small Soviet-made bombers. In addition, there were 3 transport planes which flew between the USSR and Harbin, and 3 Mosquito fighters. As of early December the runway of this airfield had been widened by approximately $6\frac{1}{2}$ yards and lengthened by 216 yards. The roadbed at the airfield was being reinforced but had not been completed.
5. Between October and December, the number of trainees at the aviation school**** in Mukden, Harbin, Changchun, Hutanchiang (129-37, 44-35), Chinchou (121-07, 41-05), Chiamussu, Peiping, and Tsinan increased from 300 to 1600. All instructors are Soviet officers, but they wear civilian clothes at all times. They are of medium rank, have a friendly manner, and are technically proficient.

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Comment. Presumably from Mukden.

Comment. This is possibly a new type of airplane. It cannot be identified from available records.

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[REDACTED] Comment. In May 1950, the principle Chinese Communist aviation schools were located at Chiamassu, Mutanchiang, Mukden, Harbin, and Kulanchieh (126-27, 44-05). In late December, about 400 students were receiving aviation training at Peiping. [REDACTED]

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